

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing the extraordinary efforts of individuals such as Ms. Harley. I ask that you join our colleagues, Joyce's family and friends, the County of Essex, New Jersey and me in honoring Joyce Wilson Harley, Esq. for her history of leadership and community service.

HONORING THOMAS C. FLEMING

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary contributions of Thomas C. Fleming, an icon in the history of African-American journalism. Tom has led a distinguished career as a print journalist for more than 70 years, working during the majority of that time for the African-American newspaper he co-founded in 1944, the San Francisco Sun-Reporter. On this date, the day before his 97th birthday, Tom will be recognized in a ceremony marking not only the renaming of the library at New College of California, East Bay in his honor, but also a lifetime of truly outstanding achievement and leadership within the black community as well as the journalistic profession.

Born in Jacksonville, Florida, Tom spent his early childhood years there with his grandmother, who he believes was a former slave. He then spent a brief period living in Harlem during the years leading up to World War I, before finally moving to Chico, California in 1919. Upon his graduation from Chico High School in 1926, Tom worked as a bellhop for the Admiral Line, and then as a cook for Southern Pacific Railroad before entering the field of journalism in the 1930s as an unpaid writer for the Spokesman, a progressive black newspaper in San Francisco. He soon returned to Chico, however, and studied political science at Chico State University for three semesters during the height of the Great Depression. He then returned to the Bay Area, where he worked briefly for the Oakland Tribune in 1934, making him the only black journalist to work for a daily newspaper on the West Coast.

In 1944, Tom became the founding editor of a San Francisco newspaper called the Reporter, which was soon merged with a paper owned by his closest friend, legendary civil rights leader Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett. The publication that emerged, the San Francisco Sun-Reporter, is still in print, and is one of the longest-running African-American newspapers in the country. During the civil rights movement, when many African-American publications struggled to find enough advertising money to keep them in business, Tom remained devoted to the black press, and became renowned for the work he did reporting on this era. Throughout the 53 years he spent writing for the Sun-Reporter, Tom met and shared the struggles of several historic figures in the black community, such as Langston Hughes, Malcolm X, Thurgood Marshall, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He also became well-known for writing a series of eighty columns entitled "Reflections on Black History,"

and for receiving the Career Achievement Award for Print from the Northern California Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

Although Tom retired from writing full time for the Sun-Reporter in 1997, he still writes a column and editorials for the paper, in which he continues to be an advocate for truth, equality, and social justice. By remaining active in and dedicated to this work for over 70 years, Thomas Fleming has contributed immeasurably to Alameda County and the San Francisco Bay Area. On behalf of the 9th Congressional District, I salute and congratulate him for his many years of invaluable service.

HONORING MICHELLE GIANNETTA

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michelle Giannetta of Fresno, CA upon receiving the Champion of Hearts Award from the American Heart Association. Mrs. Giannetta will be presented with the Champion of Hearts Award at the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Luncheon on Thursday, February 17th, 2005 in Fresno, CA.

Michelle Giannetta is a true inspiration to us all. As an active volunteer for her local American Heart Association chapter, Michelle has offered her personal experience to help others recognize the risk of heart disease.

Young and athletic, Michelle received the shock of her life when she discovered she suffered from a rare heart condition. At the age of 28, Michelle endured a near fatal heart attack when the artery into her heart spontaneously dissected. It is the same rare heart condition that took the life of actor John Ritter.

After undergoing a grueling triple bypass operation, she remained under close watch in an intensive care unit, surviving with the aid of a balloon pump. Young and in peak physical condition, she realized that many, especially young women, need to understand the threat of heart disease.

Since then, Michelle has worked tirelessly to increase awareness of heart disease throughout her community. She serves on numerous committees of her local American Heart Association chapter and has helped to organize events, such as the Fresno Heart Walk, an offshoot of the American Heart Association's National Heart Walk, an event that occurs each year in some 600 cities and has raised more than \$406 million for research and educational programs. In addition, Michelle is a local spokeswoman for the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign launched in February 2004.

In addition to her volunteer efforts, Michelle Giannetta continues to help others by serving in my Fresno congressional district office as a Staff Assistant, specializing in immigration matters.

Michelle, together with her husband Bret, have two sons, Alex and Matthew.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michelle Giannetta on the occasion of receiving the American Heart Association's Champions of Heart Award. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Michelle many more years of continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF "NO FEAR NO FUTURE" PROGRAM IN LAFAYETTE, LA

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the importance of NO FEAR NO FUTURE: A Campaign Against Drinking and Driving. This very worthwhile program is sponsored by the Junior League of Lafayette, LA and is being presented today and tomorrow to the very distinguished students of Acadiana High School.

The purpose of this program is to promote responsible decisionmaking by high school students regarding drinking and driving. The program demonstrates how irresponsible decisions can end all dreams for both those who choose to drink and drive and those who end up being the innocent victims of those drivers. Too many families have been shattered because of irresponsibility, and it is my hope that this program can change the mindset of our young people and save lives.

I applaud the Junior League of Lafayette for taking an interest in bettering the lives of our future generations, and I applaud the students of Acadiana High School for taking it upon themselves to guarantee that their friends and classmates do not become a statistic. There are choices that every student will be faced with. My hope is that through this campaign, the bright students of Acadiana High School and of all schools throughout the 7th District, realize that drinking and driving is never an option. NO FEAR really does mean NO FUTURE.

CHINA'S ANTI-SECESSION LAW

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, in mid-January China and Taiwan agreed to allow direct flights between the Chinese mainland and Taiwan during this year's Lunar New Year holidays. This agreement was considered a breakthrough in cross-strait relations and could signal the beginning of a thaw in relations. Unfortunately, we learned that in March this year Beijing will enact an anti-secession law, the intent of which is to force unification on Taiwan.

The anti-secession law assumes China's jurisdiction over Taiwan and gives China the right to invade Taiwan when and if China considers the invasion necessary. This law severely erodes Taiwanese people's goodwill for China. In recent years, Taiwanese businesses have invested as much as \$100 billion in China and have directly created the Chinese miracle of unprecedented economic growth and prosperity. Instead of reciprocating Taiwanese goodwill, China is now attempting to lay the legal groundwork for China's possible invasion of Taiwan.

Mr. Speaker, it is now time for us to speak up against China's proposed anti-secession law. It is an unfriendly law against the Taiwanese people as well as a provocative law